

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE  
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, June 8, 2020**

**5:30 P.M.**

**(Minutes from the Meeting of May 26, 2020)**

**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES  
City Council Chairman**

**First Ward**

**Christopher D. James  
Amy Lewis**

**Second Ward**

**Christopher Awe  
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

**Third Ward**

**Bergson Leneus  
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

**Fourth Ward**

**Casim L. Gomez  
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

**Fifth Ward**

**Alicia Holman  
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 26, 2020

The East Orange City Council met on May 11, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

**On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:**  
Casim L. Gomez; Mustafa Al-M Brent;, Jr.; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman; Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

**ABSENT**  
Vernon Pullins

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT**  
Solomon Steplight, City Administrator  
Ryan Linder, Corporation Counsel  
Juan Uribe, CFO  
Romal Bullock, Director  
Andre Williams, Chief  
Phyllis Bindi, Chief  
Domingos Saldida, Director  
Mark Barner, Director  
Mabelteen Tucker, Director  
Christopher Coke, Director  
Rene Muhammad, Director  
Monique Griffith, Director  
Daniel Jennings, Director  
Carolyn R. Reed, Director

City Administrator  
Law Department  
Finance Department  
Tax Assessor  
Fire Department  
Police Department  
Public Safety  
Property Maintenance  
Human Resources  
Public Works  
Recreation  
Health and Human Services  
Planning  
East Orange Public Library

**ALSO PRESENT**  
Al Holmes  
Tracy Munford  
Naiima Fauntleroy

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City Council  
Planning

**OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

- COMMITTEES**

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING  
300-FINANCE  
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION  
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION  
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION  
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS  
800-PUBLIC SAFETY  
900-PUBLIC WORKS  
1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD-CHAIRWOMAN  
**Pullins, Brent, Lewis**

101.	Recreation Department	In Committee
102.	East Orange Public Library	In Committee
<b>103.</b>	Vera S. Whitney – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>104.</b>	Silva Franklin Umukoro – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>105.</b>	Honorable Thomas H. Cooke, Jr. – Memorial	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING  
CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN  
**Awe, Claybrooks, Brent**

201.	Brick Church Mall	In Committee
202.	Brick Church Urban Renewal	In Committee
203.	Economic Development Corp.	In Committee
204.	Board of Adjustment	In Committee
205.	Community Development Corp.	In Committee
206.	Sanford Evergreen Connector	In Committee
<b>207.</b>	A Resolution of the City of East Orange Authorizing the Execution of an Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

300 - FINANCE  
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN  
**Lewis, Pullins, Holman**

301.	Personnel	In Committee
302.	Tax Refund	In Committee
303.	Labor Negotiations	In Committee
304.	Tax Revaluation	In Committee
305.	Tax Sale Certificate	In Committee
306.	In Rem Foreclosure	In Committee
<b>307.</b>	Payroll No. 10	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
308.	Stop Payments	In Committee
309.	Legal Transfer	In Committee
310.	Tax Payment Plan	In Committee
311.	Tax Appeal Refund	In Committee
312.	Annual Tax Sale	In Committee
313.	Tax Abatement	In Committee
314.	In Lieu of Taxes	In Committee
<b>315.</b>	Bills, Claims & Appropriations – May 26, 2020	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
316.	Tax Sale Assignment	In Committee
317.	Tax Lien	In Committee
318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
<b>322.</b>	Resolution Regarding the Satisfaction of Advertisement Requirements for the CY2020 Budget	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>323.</b>	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Consulting Laboratory and Testing Services	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>
<b>324.</b>	Resolution Awarding a Contract for Hearing Officer Services to the Law Offices of Audrey Davidson Cunningham, LLC	<b>Resolution to be presented</b>

300 – FINANCE - Continued  
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN  
**Lewis, Pullins, Holman**

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| <b>325.</b> | Resolution Awarding Contract for Vending Machine Concession Services to M.S.S. Vending Inc. | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>326.</b> | Resolution Ratifying the Support Services Agreement for the Fatherhood Program              | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION  
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN  
**Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks**

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| 401. | Child Guidance Clinic          | In Committee |
| 402. | Health Department              | In Committee |
| 403. | Mental Health Board            | In Committee |
| 404. | East Orange General Hospital   | In Committee |
| 405. | East Orange Board of Education | In Committee |

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION  
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus**

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| 501. | Rent Leveling                    | In Committee |
| 502. | Affordable Housing Program       | In Committee |
| 503. | Housing Authority                | In Committee |
| 504. | Housing, Planning & Coordinating | In Committee |
| 505. | Private Parking Rentals          | In Committee |
| 506. | Senior Citizens Housing          | In Committee |
| 507. | Housing Summit                   | In Committee |

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS  
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward**

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| 701.        | Community Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | In Committee                      |
| 702.        | Safe and Clean                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | In Committee                      |
| 703.        | Small Tools Library                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | In Committee                      |
| 704.        | Green Acres Grant                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In Committee                      |
| 705.        | Women’s Summit in Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                              | In Committee                      |
| <b>706.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding With the County of Essex for “Cares Act” Funding                                                                                                                   | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>707.</b> | Resolution Approving the Application and Acceptance of the JJDP Summer Expansion Program Grant Application                                                                                                                               | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>708.</b> | Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the City’s South Harrison Safety Improvement Project                                                            | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>709.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the East Orange Office of Emergency Management to Apply for and Accept a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2019 of Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Funding | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>710.</b> | Resolution Authorizing and Acceptance of US Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF)                                                                                                                      | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY  
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN  
**Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins**

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| 801. | Police Department | In Committee |
| 802. | Fire Department   | In Committee |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS  
MUSTAFA AL-BRENT – CHAIRMAN  
**Holman, Awe, Gomez**

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| 901.        | Capital Improvement Projects                                                                                 | under Construction                |
| 902.        | Streetscape                                                                                                  | In Committee                      |
| <b>903.</b> | Street Naming - Mayor Thomas H. Cooke, Jr. Way                                                               | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>904.</b> | Street Naming - Captain Robert Slaughter Square                                                              | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>905.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bid Proposals for Central City Garage Parking Deck Replacement       | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |
| <b>906.</b> | Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of Bid Proposals for Construction of Health Department Roof Replacement | <b>Resolution to be presented</b> |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION  
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN  
**Leneus, Lewis, Awe**

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| <b>601.</b> | Ordinance on First Reading                                                     | <b><u>Ordinance No. 20 of 2020</u></b><br>An Ordinance of The City of East Orange Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to Financial Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes with Respect to Certain Properties Identified on the City's Tax Maps as Block 386, Lots 2, 3 and 4 (Hue Soul Site)<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 21 of 2020</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending the City's Rent Leveling Code to Limit the Imposition of Additional Costs on Tenants                                                                                                    |
| <b>602.</b> | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading                                         | <b><u>Ordinance No. 16 of 2020</u></b><br>An Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Special Emergency Appropriation in an Amount not to Exceed \$825,000 to Fund a Citywide Revaluation of Properties<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 17 of 2020</u></b><br>Ordinance to Establish CAP Bank on 2020 Municipal Budget<br><br><b><u>Ordinance No. 18 of 2020</u></b><br>An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 13 of 2019 and 9 of 2017 Relating to Salaries and Classifications of Certain Municipal Personnel of the City of East Orange that are Confidential and/or City Officials |
| 603.        | Bingo/Raffles                                                                  | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 604.        | A.B.C.                                                                         | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 605.        | City Council Rules                                                             | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 606.        | Settlements                                                                    | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 607.        | Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract                                                | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 608.        | Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses                                                  | In Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>609.</b> | Resolution Waiving the Twenty-day Effective Period on Ordinance No. 18 of 2020 | <b>Resolution to be presented</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



# EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

## Public Meeting Dates

# 2020

**East Orange City Hall**  
44 City Hall Plaza | East Orange, NJ 07018  
Phone: 973-266-5120

**& Times** / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS  
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



**Meetings** are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.  
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	<div>CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM</div>
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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In accordance with Executive Order 107, the City of East Orange Offices are closed to the public.

For the safety of residents and employees, the Meetings of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via Video Conference, Streaming on Facebook Live-facebook.com/eocitycouncil until further notice.